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Ambassador Peurifoy, Krieg, Martin, McCormick met with Chief Armed Forces Diaz Minister Defense Sanchez, Chief of Staff Parinillo, Chief of Giron, President National Defense Council Sarti at request Diaz 1230 to 1530 today. Diaz proposed he take Presidency from Arbenz providing Ambassadors use his good offices to bring about cessation of hostilities assuring us that he Diaz would immediately outlaw Communism and oust Communists. Diaz claimed entire support army this movement. Ambassador agreed to proposal. At 1700 hours we again invited Diaz residence informed Arbenz had accepted Diaz ultimatum provided Diaz promise not negotiate with Castillo Armas. Diaz agreed. Arbenz consented formally turn over government to Diaz 2100 tonight. This to be broadcast over national radio. In addition Diaz gave word Ambassador that upon assumption Presidency he would immediately invoke martial law, issue decree outlawing Communist Party, take immediate action oust Communists from pro-US Government. We foresee possibility armed conflict in capital if Communists actively oppose Diaz.

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